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The WCPCAN **Resource Update** contains information on training, resources, what's new at WCPCAN and announcements. This email is distributed to family resource programs currently and previously funded by WCPCAN, as well as members of the Council and Committees. It is also accessible on our Web site.

Please be aware that the ideas and opinions expressed in the articles are those of the authors and may not represent the views of the members and staff of the Washington Council for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

Current and archived versions are also available at:

<http://www.wcpcan.wa.gov/WhatsNew.html#ResourceUpdate>

If you ever have trouble opening the *Resource Update* or embedded items, please contact me and I will send them to you in an alternative format.

Feel free to forward this to your program participants, staff, volunteers, board members and partners who may be interested! ***I also encourage you to share any information you would like with all the WCPCAN-funded programs and Council/committee members through the Update.*** Please submit items or feedback to me,

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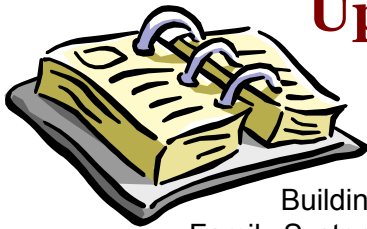
On Tuesday, December 17th Governor Locke announced his proposed biennial budget. As you are aware, Washington State is faced with an unprecedented fiscal crisis. In response to that crisis Governor Locke's budget targets reductions in state spending and the elimination of state programs including the Washington Council for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. During the upcoming weeks the legislature will be negotiating the budget recommendations of the Governor. Rest assured that we will continue to provide support, technical assistance and resources to you, in our usual fashion, as the final budget decisions are made. We will also keep you informed as information becomes available.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Get ready for public awareness events in your community with our Community tool kit. It is available for free on the web! <http://www.wcpcan.wa.gov/cap.html>



Upcoming Training & Conferences



Edmonds Community College Family Life Program Spring 2003

The program, developed for professionals working with families, children and communities, has several offerings for the upcoming school year:

Building Partnerships: The Art of Collaboration Spring: **ONLINE**

Family Systems

Spring: Tuesdays 3 – 5:40

Details on the classes are included in the attached flyer, for further information or to register call: 425-640-1665, or email fled@edcc.edu



Family Support Class
Details

Dr. Wil Blechman will conduct a presentation on **"Early Childhood Brain Development"**
March 7th ~ 8am - 10:30 am

Grace Community Church, Family Life Center, 1320 Auburn Way South, Auburn

Dr. Blechman is a graduate of Yale University and the Medical College of Virginia. He is a research professor of public health at the University of South Florida and a clinical professor at the University of Miami Medical School. He was also President of Kiwanis International 1990 - 91. Dr. Blechman will speak about prenatal factors affecting brain development, effects of stress on the brain, risks affecting children with possible long-term outcomes, and understanding early childhood development.

There is a \$10, per person, pre-registration fee.

For more information or to register please call Margaret Harto at 253-631-3217

The Home Visitor's Networking Group is going on the Road –

And coming to provide a networking opportunity AND free training to a location near you. We will be traveling to Spokane on March 10, Yakima on March 12, Marysville on March 28 and Longview March 31.

Agenda:

9:30 – 12:00

Open Space Networking

12 – 1:30

Lunch on your own

1:30 – 3:30

Breakout Sessions: Focus on Safety

Shaken Baby Prevention with Bernie Dorsey or Mike Etzell

Safety and Methamphetamine Issues with Dept. of Health
Self-Care/ Compassion Fatigue with Judy King

There is still space in Spokane, Marysville and Longview – please pass on the information and register by sending the registration form to:

Maria Gehl at gehlmi@dshs.wa.gov ; or fax to 206/464-6642



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WSU Annual Parenting Conference – Vancouver, WA – March 19 – 21

The conference will take place Washington State University Vancouver and Skyview High School. Highlights of this year's conference include:

- ★ Gala Banquet featuring Dr. John Gottman from the University of Washington speaking on “Raising An Emotionally Intelligent Child: the Heart of Parenting”
- ★ Two Pre-conference Workshops: Parent Engagement in the Schools: Lessons Learned from a Colorado Pilot Project and Social Beginnings, Guiding Young Children Toward Positive Social Behavior, and a workshop will follow up on last year's training and will focus on “The Responding Steps.”
- ★ Selected workshops presented in Spanish on Thursday.
- ★ Many exciting long workshops to meet the needs of parenting educators and others who work with families

Complete information and registration brochure for the conference can be found at <http://parenting.wsu.edu>.

Dr. Robert Sylwester will speak on the subject of brain development as it pertains to adolescent growth and maturation. Dr. Sylwester is a professor emeritus in the Department of Education at the University of Oregon. This event will be held at **Tacoma Community College on March 24th from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM**. The cost is \$25.00. Dr. Sylwester will also be doing an evening session for parents (same day; 6:30 - 8:30 PM). To obtain a registration form for either presentation, call 253-537-4529, e-mail dsaling@oz.net, or visit <http://www.oz.net/~dsaling>

**14th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect
Gateways to Prevention ~ March 31 - April 5, 2003 - St. Louis, Missouri**

Focuses on efforts to challenge existing assumptions about how to prevent child maltreatment and consider a range of strategies to protect children and support families and communities Office on Child Abuse and Neglect, Children's Bureau, Administration on Children, Youth and Families
US Department of Health and Human Services, for more information [Click Here](#)

The Ninth Annual Nonprofit Leadership Conference! - Mission and Leadership: Staying the Course in Difficult Times ~ Thursday, April 3, 2003 - The Seattle Center

Featuring, Peter Brinckerhoff, an internationally renowned trainer, author, and consultant to nonprofit organizations. Peter is the author of the highly acclaimed books, *Mission-Based Management*, *Financial Empowerment*, *Mission-Based Marketing*, *Faith-Based Management*, and *Social Entrepreneurship*, all published by

John Wiley & Sons. We will close the day with a community-wide reception for participants and for others from throughout the nonprofit community. Together, we will celebrate the start of Volunteer Month and the strengths of Washington's Nonprofits. For complete information visit: <http://www.nwforum.org/nonprofit/>

Children's Justice Conference– Meydenbauer Convention Center – Bellevue - April 7 & 8

For more information and a conference brochure visit:

<http://www.dshs.wa.gov/geninfo/cjconf03.html>

Twenty-Second Annual Western Regional Conference on Child Abuse & Neglect April 21-23 – Sacramento, CA

This Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect is designed for professionals involved in the investigation, evaluation and treatment of abused and neglected children and legal professionals. The conference is planned to advance knowledge and practice standards of professionals in the fields of medicine, nursing, social work, mental health and criminal and juvenile justice. For workshop descriptions visit <http://conferences.ucdavis.edu/can03>

Infant and Early Childhood Conference – Yakima Convention Center – May 7-9

Conference Goals for 2003:

- Challenge thinking about diversity and disability;
- Increase family and provider effectiveness through new skills, strategies and ideas for providing high quality services;
- Enhance understanding of the unique strengths and needs of each family;
- Foster partnerships across families, disciplines, agencies and funders to provide coordinated services in local communities;
- Promote networking and coalition building around early childhood issues;
- Enhance the lives of families and their children through the use of information and technology; and
- Promote the mutual understanding of the contributions families and providers bring to the lives of young children.

For details visit: <http://www.ieccwa.org>

C.H.E.F.® 2003 Facilitator Training Information and Registration Form Social Beginnings and Healthy Beginnings Trainings

A number of great trainings are coming up! They fill-up, please register at least 1 month in advance! To broaden the reach of Social Beginnings and Healthy Beginnings, we are providing low cost, two-day Facilitator Trainings. One or Two representative(s) from your organization may register to join us!

Social Beginnings:	May 12-13:	Kennewick, WA
	September 9-10:	Everett, WA (co-sponsor Snohomish Health District)
	October 13-14:	Seattle, WA
Healthy Beginnings:	April 29-30:	Seattle, WA
	July 1-2:	Everett, WA (co-sponsor Snohomish Health District)

Prevention of Psychopathology in Infants: Early Clinical Interventions with Infants and their Care Givers ~ Sat. May 17, 8:30 – 4:30 ~ University of Washington, Magnuson Health Sciences Center

This is a clinical symposium with Peter Fonagy, Mary Target and Tessa Baradon focusing on clinical case presentations and panel discussion, the roots of attachment difficulties and a new model of the impact of their impact on development, and intervention strategies for caregivers and infants with attachment difficulties. Watch for a registration brochure in late March. If you have questions, please contact Catherine Henderson at 425-454-3136.

3rd National Grantmakers-Grantseekers Conference ~ June 17-18, 2003 ~ Seattle Pacific

University: Featuring many breakout sessions that examine an array of fund development, nonprofit business and management, public policy, and technology issues. This conference will bring together grantmakers and grantseekers for discussion and networking that will serve to strengthening nonprofit sector.

Confirmed presenters include speakers from: Wells Fargo Foundation, KPMG Foundation, Bank of America Foundation, The Edna McConnell Clark Foundation, Bohnett Memorial Foundation, Washington State Arts Commission, Verizon Foundation, Washington Health Foundation, the Foundation for the Future, the Panasonic Foundation, the Charles and Helen Schwab Foundation, Association of Small Foundations, The Meyer Memorial Trust, The Fred Meyer Foundation, The Northwest Christian Community Foundation.

Registration Fees: \$200/person before March 15; \$300/person after March 15-before May 1, 2003.

There are work scholarships available, email us for more information, TLFoundation@aol.com.

Please visit our website at www.TLFoundation.org for detailed information.



June 18th – Fathering the Future – Worthington Center in Lacey

Featured speakers include John Gottman and Jerry Tello. More information coming soon!

The 10th annual Building on Family Strengths Conference ~ June 26 to June 28, 2003 ~ Portland, Oregon The call for presentations is on the website at <http://www.rtc.pdx.edu/>

International Respite Conference ~ Hosted by ARCH ~ September 2003 ~ Orlando, FL

<http://www.chtop.com/ARCH/ARCHconf.htm>

United Way King County offers a series of workshops that are available to community members. Workshops focus on nonprofit management, including fundraising. This comprehensive and on-going program is worth a look if you are near King County. For the most current and detailed information on our workshops, please view their web page with training opportunities: <http://www.uwkc.org/nonprofit/training>. Also, note at the end of that page is a link to an extensive listing of other nonprofit management workshops in the community.



Sustainability and Resource Opportunities

The Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (GJJAC) has released an RFP for small grants to address juvenile violence prevention. Schools may apply. Check out the attached web link for further information.

<http://www.wa.gov/juvenilejustice/newsdept.html>

The National Institute of Health and Human Development, in conjunction with the Administration for Children and Families and the Department of Education, is offering \$9.4 million in grants to study school readiness programs for pre-K kids. Deadline for proposals is April 25 (letter of intent is due March 25). For further information, go to <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HD-03-003.html>

The Foundation Center has a series of free tutorials in its Virtual Classroom. Their online librarian provides an indexed set of frequently asked questions. There are free and fee-based trainings at their library field offices in Atlanta, Cleveland, New York, San Francisco, and Washington, DC. The Foundation Center has a "Cooperating Collection" of 220 libraries that have a core collection of The Foundation Center's print and electronic resources.

For more information, visit The Foundation Center's tutorial page at <http://fdncenter.org/learn/classroom/index.html>.

US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCES GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The following grants were some of those announced in the December 24, 2002 Federal Register:

* Research & Innovation to Improve Services & Results for Children with Disabilities -- CFDA# 84.324

Purpose of Program: To produce, & advance the use of, knowledge to improve the results of education & early intervention for infants, toddlers, & children with disabilities.

Eligible Applicants: State educational agencies (SEAs); local educational agencies (LEAs); institutions of higher education (IHEs); other public agencies; nonprofit private organizations; outlying areas; freely associated States; & Indian tribes or tribal organizations. Priority 5: Outreach Projects for Children with Disabilities (84.324R) Application deadline date: 03/28/03 Additional information is available online at: <http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2002-4/122402d.html>

The establishment of the **Beaumont Foundation of America** (<http://www.bmtfoundation.org>) may be of interest to many of you. The Foundation's core purpose is to grant "state-of-the-art, Internet-enabled, wireless computer hardware to Americans who do not have access to the vast educational benefits of the Internet, and to collaborate with existing successful organizations to provide the technical support to use it." (The foundation was created with funds generated by the settlement of a class action lawsuit.) The foundation will grant \$350 million over five years in all 50 states.

"The SBC Foundation"

The SBC Foundation has announced the opening of its 2003 SBC Excelerator competitive technology grants program. Now in its second year, SBC Excelerator will provide \$9 million in competitive grants to help nonprofits fully integrate technology into their ongoing operations and community outreach. The program will fund projects that build the technology infrastructure of nonprofits, enabling them to increase their organizational effectiveness and/or service capability in areas such as Internet access, data networking, online outreach, staff technology capacity, and pooled technology resources. Grants will range from \$2,500 to \$25,000 and are for one year in length. Collaborations by two or more organizations will be considered for grants up to \$50,000 for one year.

Application deadline: April 22, 2003.

<http://www.pnnonline.org/article.php?sid=4183>

The Heart and Soul of Fundraising

May 2, 9:00am-12:30pm, Center for Ethical Leadership, \$50, 206.328.3020 www.ethicalleadership.org

Priority Topic Areas



Collaboration & Community Building

Walk a Mile Training Workshop

Walk a Mile (WAM) is a hands-on, educational experience that brings policymakers and people receiving public assistance together for one month. WAM is looking for community organizations to coordinate projects in 2003 and is offering training July 21 - 22, 2003 in Seattle, Washington. Some scholarships and mini-grants of \$1000 are available to cover the on-going administrative costs of coordinating a project. To apply contact Program Director, Natasha Grossman at natasha@walkamile.org by the March 26, 2003 deadline

Promoting the Well-Being of Infants, Toddlers, and Their Families: Innovative Community and State Strategies

In 2001, the National Center for Children in Poverty sponsored a national call for nominations of comprehensive initiatives to support infants, toddlers, and their families. Here we present the experiences of 25 selected initiatives across the country to provide a menu of concrete, innovative strategies other states and communities can use to promote more targeted and effective policy and practice attention to infants and toddlers. [Click here to learn more.](#) *This is an extensive report which identifies increasing family support as an important strategy – lots of interesting program descriptions*

Family Leadership

What Parents Want? A Little Help from Their Friends

YMCA of the USA and the Search Institute recently polled a thousand parents to examine what kinds of assistance and support they say they need to raise their children. A key finding: parents want more reassurance, especially from other parents, that they are making the right decisions for their children. Family support centers across the nation are doing great work to provide parents with on-going opportunities for parent peer group interactions that provide such reassurance.

For information about helping parents start support groups in their communities, contact [PARENTS FORUM](#) or purchase a copy of [Starting and Operating Support Groups: A Guide for Parents](#), for a nominal fee. You can also use Family Support America's [National Family Support Mapping Project](#) to identify family support centers that have parent peer group development experience. (*Hint: search under "services" for centers that provide "peer support groups."*) To read more about the survey, "Building Strong Families," visit [YMCA of the USA](#) or the [Search Institute](#). (From Family Support America)

PARENT AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER. More Than Bake Sales and its companion video Parent Leadership provide the "how to" for over two dozen curriculum-based parent workshops with quality interactions. (from ECPEN)

Fatherhood

PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD IN CALIFORNIA: IDEAS AND OPTIONS offers an analysis of California's efforts to promote responsible fatherhood in a state where as many as 1.5 million children are growing up without their biological fathers at home. The paper was written by policy associates at the Social Policy Action Network (SPAN) Also from SPAN -- [Expanding the Goals of "Responsible Fatherhood" Policy](#) examines the problems of low-income, non custodial fathers at the local level. SPAN and the National Practitioners' Network for Fathers and Families (NPNFF) interviewed fathers and the front-line workers who try to help them to find out why these fathers don't get the help they need. (from ECPEN)

Parent Education

A web site sponsored by several organizations with lots of good information for parents, educators and social service providers. Listings include agencies who offer parent education and parent support groups. Check it out! www.birthtofive.org

<http://www.4people.org>

Listing of service providers, goal to connect people to resources and opportunities in eastern WA.

The Effect of Volunteer Home Visitation for Adolescent Mothers on Parenting and Mental Health Outcomes -- Journals of the American Medical Association, December 2002

"This volunteer model home visitation program for teenaged mothers influenced parenting behavior in a significant positive direction . . .," state the authors of an article published in the December 2002 issue of the Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine. This article describes the results of a randomized controlled trial evaluating the impact of a volunteer home visitation program model on parenting and mental health outcomes for adolescent mothers. Results did not show significant impact on teenagers' reported social support, parenting stress, or poor mental health, however.

A total of 232 eligible adolescents ages 12 through 18 who were in their third trimester of pregnancy or who had delivered a baby in the past 6 months, were assigned to the home visitation or the control group. Each adolescent randomized to the home visitation group was paired with one volunteer home visitor who was to make weekly home visits with the adolescent and other family members until the child's first birthday. Congruence between the home visitation model and actual implementation was measured. Structured interviews (conducted by research staff blinded to group assignment at baseline and at 15 months follow-up) assessed demographics, pregnancy and school history, social support, mental health, and parenting outcomes. The authors found that:

- * The study groups were comparable on demographics, social support, and mental health measures at baseline.
- * Almost half of the adolescents had poor mental health at baseline, and high rates persisted at follow-up in both groups.
- * Compared with the control group, the home visitation group demonstrated significantly better parenting behavior scores at follow-up but showed no differences in parenting stress or mental health.

The authors suggest that "policymakers might use our findings and conclude that volunteer-based programs may be complementary to but not a substitute for other forms of early intervention and support services for socially and economically disadvantaged childbearing teenagers."

Barnet B, Duggan AK, Devoe M, et al. 2002. The effect of volunteer home visitation for adolescent mothers on parenting and mental health outcomes: A randomized trial. Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine 156(12):1216-1222.

<http://archpedi.ama-assn.org/issues/v156n12/abs/poa20164.html>

Two new spotlights from Talaris – It's a stressful life and focus on sleep:

<http://www.talaris.org/synopsis.htm>



Special Populations

STUDY IDENTIFIES RISK FACTORS FOR SIDS AMONG AMERICAN INDIANS

"This study of SIDS [(sudden infant death syndrome)] among American Indians identified 3 factors that are amenable to public health action and further research: (1) visits by PHNs [(public health nurses)], (2)

periconceptional maternal alcohol drinking and first trimester binge drinking, and (3) infant layers of clothing," state the authors of an article published in the December 4, 2002, issue of JAMA: The Journal of the American Medical Association. The authors point out that the SIDS rate for American Indian infants is much higher than that for all races combined (in 1999, the rate for American Indian infants was 1.5 per 1,000 live births, compared with 0.7 for all races combined). The study described in this article sought to determine prenatal and postnatal risk and protective factors for SIDS among Northern Plains American Indian infants. The authors found that:

- * Periconceptional alcohol drinking was associated with an increased risk for SIDS, as was first trimester drinking. First trimester maternal binge drinking was associated with SIDS. Neither binge drinking nor use of alcohol during the second or third trimester was associated.

- * Infants who usually had two or more layers of clothing had a significantly higher risk for SIDS than those who had fewer layers.

- * Infants whose homes were visited by a PHN had a significantly lower risk for SIDS than those whose homes were never visited.

The authors state that "our results provide new evidence that factors in the periconceptional period contribute to SIDS risk in addition to those identified in the prenatal and postnatal periods." They conclude that "public health outreach and programs to reduce alcohol consumption among women of childbearing age could have an impact on SIDS rates in this population." Iyasu S, Randall LL, Welty TK, et al. 2002. Risk factors for sudden infant death syndrome among Northern Plains Indians. JAMA: The Journal of the American Medical Association 288(21):2717-2723.(SOURCE: MCHAlert - 12/13/02)

Disproportionality in Juvenile Justice System May Have Roots in Child Welfare---

Minority youth are disproportionately represented in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. All too often, the same children are involved with both. Now, research suggests that cultural and racial bias in child welfare decision-making may compound the problem long before children reach the justice system.

Many of the same social and economic factors--such as poverty and single parenthood--put children at risk for both maltreatment and juvenile delinquency. These factors are often present to a greater degree in communities of color, but a recent article in the Child Welfare League of America's "Children's Voice" suggests that this is not the whole picture. Although national data is currently lacking, smaller studies have confirmed that minority children in the child welfare system experience disadvantages in areas such as the range and quality of services offered, how quickly their cases are handled, the kind of support offered to their families, and eventual outcomes. Disparate treatment of minority youth has also been found in the juvenile justice system.

The article cites a number of barriers that need to be overcome before effective solutions can be found. However, the author says that all involved agree a positive first step is for "the two systems [juvenile justice and welfare]...to collaborate and integrate services and resources to meet the needs of children, regardless of how, why, or when they enter the system."

The full article, "Minorities as Majority: Disproportionality in Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice," appears in the November/December 2002 issue of "Children's Voice", and is available on the Child Welfare League of America Web site at <http://www.cwla.org/articles/cv0211minorities.htm> A companion article focusing on promising programs to address the disparities will appear in the next issue of "Children's Voice". (from Children's Bureau Express)

Children of Immigrant Families Fare Poorly in Several Areas Compared to Native-Born Children A report from the Urban Institute finds that one of the most rapidly growing segments of the U.S. population under the age of 18 is comprised of immigrant children. However, the health and well-being of this population is rarely studied on any large scale. The report presents several key indicators of child well-being and compares immigrant families with native-born families in the areas of family environment, physical and emotional health, and access to needed services. <http://www.urban.org/urlprint.cfm?ID=7992> (from HandsNet)

Additional information and resources

EARLY HEAD START INFORMATION KIT: RESEARCH TO PRACTICE ADDENDUM may now be ordered from **HSIPC**. The contents of the kit are also available on-line at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/core/ongoing_research/ehs/ehs_reports.html#briefs.

Child-Parent Centers Foster Academic Success Starting In Preschool

Read this recently updated program description to learn how this program encourages scholastic success in children from disadvantaged communities. The [Child-Parent Centers](#) program provides a school-based, stable learning environment for children in preschool through third grade and encourages active parental involvement to achieve positive results in a variety of areas. Improvements were found in areas of standardized testing, grade retention, remedial services, delinquent behavior, and more.

(Promising Practices Network — Proven and Promising Programs)

Advocacy Resources



The Children's Defense Fund: Bush Administration Budget Dismantles Head Start, Medicaid Cuts Child Care and After School Activities. The Children's Defense Fund responds to the Bush Administration Budget submission. "The Bush Administration is waging a budget war against poor children. This country has the resources to give every child the health care he or she needs, and to give every eligible child a Head Start if we make the right choices. Instead, the President chooses to give an average of \$89,000 in tax cuts to each millionaire this year while dismantling Head Start and Medicaid, both of which have proven track records for helping to keep poor children healthy and getting them ready for school."

<http://www.childrensdefense.org/release030203.php> (From HandsNet)

LOCAL RESPONSE TO THE BUSH BUDGET.....HEAD START IDEA MAKES MANY UNEASYParents, educators fear changes would be for the worse—(from ECPEN)

http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/107678_headstart07.shtml



During the state legislative session **United Way of King County** will produce and distribute a legislative alert every Monday. Each alert will contain information on up to four priority issues. We make it easy for you to take action by providing brief background information and a message. For more information about United Way of King County's Public Policy Agenda and how to get involved, contact David Della at (206) 461-3756.

Advocacy Toolbox

Designed for health advocates in Connecticut, there are enough good tips and tools here to make it worth your while for a visit, whether your issue is schools in California, child protection in Florida, or anything in between!

<http://www.cthealthpolicy.org/toolbox/Default.htm> (from Connect for Kids)

Announcements



International No Hitting Day for children April 30, 2003

End Physical Punishment of Children (EPOCH-USA) invites child advocates to participate in the 2003 SpankOut Day USA. The purpose of the SpankOut Day is to bring attention to the need of ending corporal punishment of children. On SpankOut Day, parents are commended for using non-violent ways to discipline their children, and are encouraged to refrain from hitting children and seek out information on alternative means of discipline. EPOCH-USA has created a toolkit to help child advocates plan for SpankOut Day. The toolbox can be found online at <http://www.stophitting.org/spankOut/toolkit.php>.

BrainNet Eliminated, effective immediately

DCCEL has completed the difficult task of identifying savings to all program areas. Unfortunately, in order to come close to reaching the target reduction of 10%, we must eliminate BrainNet effective February 28, 2003.

We are all very saddened by this decision and realize it will have broad impacts to your agency and to community groups around the state. It is our hope that collaborative partnerships may somehow be able to carry the program along until our state's economic climate improves, and new funding decisions can be made.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (360) 413-3211 or Cecelia Callison at (360) 413-3288. Sincerely, Sonja Griffin, Administrator, Program Initiatives Unit

Resource for Newborns

Dear Provider or Advocate:

If you know a woman who is pregnant and currently receiving Medicaid, tell her she can get medical assistance for her newborn at no cost. It's true! Newborns of Medicaid-eligible moms can get medical coverage until the baby's first birthday so long as the baby lives with mom in Washington State.

HOW? Mom needs to answer seven easy questions on the DSHS 22-881 flyer and mail it to her local Community Services Office (CSO). No office interview is necessary.

The DSHS warehouse closed 12/31/02. You can now get this valuable flyer for your distribution in PDF-format in either English or Spanish at the MAA Customer Publications website: <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov/customerpublications/publicationsalpha.html#H> (look for Hey Mom).

Thank you for letting your clients know about this program. Expect more languages in the near future. Please e-mail armstpa@dshs.wa.gov if you have questions.

